

# BLACK-EYED KIDS: What Are They?

By Krystle Vermes, GetSpooked.net

**B**lack-Eyed Kids, also known as BEKs, are more than just a phenomena that spiked the interest of the paranormal world in 2013 – they're a reality to many. There have been numerous reports of these creatures walking among us, stopping us in our tracks and asking for help.

But one question still remains: What is a Black-Eyed Kid?

## Take a Step Back in Time

Although these children have been all over the news of late, the fact of the matter is that they've been around for decades. Yes, decades. One of the first reports of an encounter with BEKs dates back to 1998. Journalist Brian Bethel claimed that two BEKs approached him while he was sitting in a parked car. They asked him for a ride, and when he would not allow them in his car, they seemed to appear angry. It was then that Bethel noticed their coal-black eyes and sped away.

More recent incidents of the Black Eyed Kids often take place at the actual homes of the victims. Typically, a child approaches the door and asks to be let inside. Those who have lived to tell their story often claim that they are overcome by a feeling of dread, convincing them to shut the door on the children.

Needless to say, there have been very few stories of what happens to individuals once they open the door – maybe they haven't survived to tell them. In any case, this

still leaves the lingering questions of who they are, what they want, and why there has been such a rise over the past decade in the number of BEK sightings.

## An Infestation of Fae?

One of the most popular theories pertaining to BEKs is that they're a type of fairy. While some may think of fairies as smiling, tiny human-like creatures with wings, history shows that not everyone views them in this manner. In fact, fairies were originally thought to be associated with death and the Underworld centuries ago.

Also, the banshee, who is referred to as a screaming ghost that arrives on the brink of a human's death, is occasionally referred to as a fairy.

Although Disney has popularized fairies as sweet creatures, they have a long history of being mischievous – just take a look at Shakespeare's incorporation of them in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It's for these reasons that many people think of BEKs as fae with an intention to cause harm.

## Are BEKs Aliens Walking Our Planet?

Another popular theory about BEKs is that they happen to be another species of alien visiting our planet and are looking to abduct unsuspecting humans. The most common argument against this theory is that in many alien abduction cases, there doesn't seem to be any intent to cause harm. Because the Black Eyed Kids typically arrive with a feeling of dread, one has to think that they are there





with a negative agenda.

However, the lack of information about the alien race leaves this door open to the possibility of the BEK falling into this category. Because there is no accurate information as to how many races of aliens exist, the Black Eyed Kids could simply be one that humans have little knowledge of in terms of extraterrestrials.

#### An Army of Darkness

Another theory behind BEKs is that they have demonic origin. This would indicate that they have a connection to Satan, the Underworld, and all things evil. One would also have to assume that the BEKs have the power to possess other beings.

Given their dark, black pupils, it's no wonder that some people tie them to demons. That being said, the BEK legend is not connected to a specific religion, god, or devil, which makes it difficult to place them in this category.

#### Do Black-Eyed Kids have a connection to all things evil?

#### You've Been Warned

Whether BEKs are fairies, demons, or aliens from another planet, it's worth heeding the advice of everyone who has come across these children: Don't let them in. Run far, far away.

Reports of BEKs are primarily reported throughout Texas, although instances have also been documented in New York and Pennsylvania. There are also cases now popping up in the U.K., showing that there may be no limitations to where these creepy "children" can go.

Until a brave soul finds out what BEKs want, and they live to tell the story, everyone is better off locking their doors and not venturing over to see who may be knocking.

*Have you encountered a BEK? If so, we want to hear from you! E-mail editor@paranormalunderground.net with your experience.♦*